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New Agreements Provides For Route 28 Interchange, Site Entrance For Sully Historic Site, Udvar-Hazy Center

After a decade of negotiations, agreements between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board (FCPA) will be signed, and ground will be broken for a new interchange along Route 28 in Chantilly. Ceremonies are slated for Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 2 p.m.

In 1995, the General Assembly passed the Public-Private Transportation Act. This act enables private entities to propose innovative solutions for designing, constructing, financing and operating transportation improvements. In September 2002, VDOT, the Clark Construction Group, Inc. and Shirley Contracting Company, LLC signed the Route 28 Corridor Improvements Comprehensive Agreement and under this initial phase, six at-grade, signalized intersections will be replaced with high-capacity grade-separated interchanges. Ultimate plans call for construction of a total of ten interchanges and widening Route 28 to eight lanes.

Since the purpose of the project is to eliminate signalized intersections, the existing signalized entrance to the Sully Historic Site would be eliminated in favor of establishing a new entrance off of the Barnsfield interchange, which is now called the Aerospace Museum Parkway interchange since it is also the entrance to the new National Aerospace Museum (Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center).

After extensive negotiations and planning, VDOT, MWAA and the FCPA have partnered to now begin construction of the new entrance and parking areas for the Sully Historic Site. This monumental effort will result in creating a more convenient access to Sully, provide improved parking, elimination of modern intrusions (such as the existing parking lot) from the historic core of the Sully site and allow for increased visitation due to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center and the Sully site sharing the same interchange along the heavily traveled Rt. 28 (Sully Road).

Construction will start July, 2007 with the expected completion of the new entrance road and parking lot in November, 2007. In the spring of 2008, the Park Authority will begin constructing site improvements such as a new entrance feature, landscaping, parking lot lighting, and interpretive signage which will only further enhance to newly installed entrance and parking.

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